



# Bankhead National Forest

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Prescribed Burn**

(Double Springs, AL) February 7, 2024---- USDA Forest Service federal fire management specialists are planning to conduct a prescribed burn (controlled burn) on 244 acres today.

Prescribed burns are low-intensity fires ignited by trained personnel to remove excess fuels, such as vegetation and dead wood, that would enable wildfires to burn hotter and longer.

During today's prescribed burn the public may notice Forest Service fire crews and equipment. Smoke may also be visible. The wind is expected to be out of the southeast and will carry the smoke to the southwest.

As the temperatures cool later today, the smoke may begin to settle down the Smith Lake drainage. Some settling may also occur around the general area of the burn.

If encountering smoke on roadways, please slow down, turn on your low-beam headlights and use caution when encountering prescribed burning operations and smoke.

Prescribed fire plays an important role in the health of forest ecosystems. Applying prescribed fire on the land at the right place, at the right time, under the right conditions benefits the land and the surrounding communities.

*For more information, contact the Bankhead National Forest at (205) 489-5111. Or visit [www.fs.usda.gov/alabama](http://www.fs.usda.gov/alabama)*